ORDINANCE NO. 641

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PROHIBITION OF JURY TRIAL FOR MODEL TRAFFIC CODE VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has made certain traffic offenses to be matters of administrative concern rather than criminal concern, and as a result of the decriminalization of those traffic offenses, the right to jury trial has been removed therefrom; and

WHEREAS, the Model Traffic Code provides for similar types of traffic control violations, of which are similar in nature to the matters administratively controlled by the State; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Las Animas that it decriminalize violations of the Model Traffic Code, as may be enforced within the City of Las Animas; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That a new Section 13-1.5 is adopted and provides as follows:

Section 13-1.5. No person shall be entitled to a trial by jury for any offense within this Code that is for a violation of any provision of the Model Traffic Code as adopted pursuant to Section 13-1.5 of this Code, and there shall be no offense with which a sentence of imprisonment shall be imposed for violation of any provision of the Model Traffic Code as adopted pursuant to Section 13-1.5 of this Code.

ADOPTED on first reading this 11th day of March, 2003.

PASSED on second reading this 8th day of April, 2003.

CITY OF LAS ANIMAS

William F. Howland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Charmaine Tripp, City Clerk

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